

# Feast of the **HOLY FAMILY** *of Jesus, Mary and Joseph*



**SOLEMNITY OF MARY  
MOTHER OF GOD**

Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> (New Years Eve)  
6:00PM  
Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> (New Years Day)  
9am

# Saint Rita Catholic Church

## December 28<sup>th</sup> 2025



# Welcome Home!



Fr. James Valenzuela

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Antonio Herrera

**Deacon**

## Parish Office

**Monday - Thursday • 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

*Closed for Lunch 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM*

**Parish Office • 850-267-2558**

**Parish Website • [www.saintritaparish.org](http://www.saintritaparish.org)**

## Sacramental Life

### Sunday Mass

Saturday: Vigil 5:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 5:00 PM (Esp)

### Daily Mass

Monday - Saturday 8:30 AM

Thursdays: Ascension Sacred Heart  
Hospital - 11:30am

## SOLEMN EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Friday after Mass: 9 AM - 10 AM in Church

First Friday of the Month: 9 AM - 6 PM in  
Stella Maris Chapel

## RECONCILIATION

First Friday: 9AM - 10 AM

Saturday: 9 AM (or by appointment)

*email [office@saintritaparish.org](mailto:office@saintritaparish.org) to schedule*

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday • Dec 27

8:30 AM

5:00 PM

Bruce William Francez +  
Loretta Lowery +

### Sunday • Dec 28

8:00 AM

11:00 AM

5:00 PM (esp)

For the People  
Bill Boyer +  
Rafael & Charles Torres +

### Monday • Dec 29

8:30 AM

Chic & Cathy Huettle

### Tuesday • Dec 30

8:30 AM

Thai Van Nguyen +

### Wednesday • Dec 31

6:00PM

Richard Stranko

### Thursday • Jan 1

9:00 AM

Sr Margaret Kuntz

### Friday • Jan 2

8:30 AM

Chester Moomaw +

### Saturday • Jan 3

8:30 AM

5:00PM

Joe & Pat Webber  
Elijah Allen & Family

# Administration

## Mission Statement

*We exist to provide opportunities for our parishioners to encounter Christ, share His love and become His disciples.*

## General Offertory

**Month of November**

Received: **\$189,019.37**

## Building Fund

**Month of November**

Received: **\$31,742.52**

## Burse Club

**Month of November**

Received: **\$896.77**

## Ways to Give



**Cash/Checks** - If you prefer to give cash or checks, please drop your donation in the General Offertory basket at the Saturday/Sunday Masses.



**Digital Giving** - If you prefer to give online you can set up a recurring donation through PushPay.



## At Home in the Modern World

God is found in Beauty, and among my interests is the subject of design. As such, one of the few print subscriptions that I maintain in this digital age is titled *Dwell*. The publication advances an aesthetic that is captured by its byline, "at home in the modern world." What a fitting expression to describe the Incarnation and Nativity of Our Lord at Christmas as God makes himself at home with us.

At the forefront of the experience of faith is the tension of our lives as human and divine. Our restlessness in this world points to the longing in our hearts for the harmony of the heavenly realm. It is in this reality that God breaks into our existence, as is remembered in the Eucharist. Included in the Holy Mass is a movement of the commingling of water with wine and is accompanied by a prayer not spoken out loud: "may we come to share the divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share in our humanity."

Yes, God makes himself present in the modern world. He abides with us in our experience of time, space, and beyond. And he delights in being among us. With the virtue of hospitality, may we open our hearts and homes to the wonder and awe that is Jesus Christ. May God always dwell with us!

**Merry Christmas,  
Fr. James Valenzuela**

# Parish Staff & Ministries

## Operations Team



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### **EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

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### **GREETERS/USHERS**

Pat Neolon

### **LECTORS**

Tom Zaccardi

### **40 DAYS FOR LIFE**

Mark Stay

### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

Steve Boudreaux

### **LOVING HANDS**

Alice Sanchez  
(850) 896-3352

### **MEN'S GROW GROUP**

John Bakane

### **PRISON MINISTRY**

Will Conley

### **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

Mike Duffey

### **TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY**

Barb Meyer

### **WOMEN'S CLUB**

Toni Underwood

### **VINEA VIRTUTIS HOMESCHOOL CO-OP**

Rachel Gruters

### **COMMUNION FOR THE SICK AND THE HOMEBOUND**

Chris Manion

### **FLOWER MINISTRY**

Nancy Wesson



# Around Saint Rita

## Recurring Events

### Sunday

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday (after 11am Mass) - Young Adults at Heirloom Donuts (19 - 36 yrs old)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday - Knights of Columbus Coffee and Donuts

### Monday

- Middle School Youth Night • 5:30PM

### Tuesday

- Open Gym • 12:00PM - 3:30PM
- Catholicism 101 • 6:00PM

### Wednesday

- Loving Hands Ministry • 9:00AM
- High School Youth Night • 5:30PM

### 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday

- SVdP Meeting • 9:00AM

### Thursday

- G.R.O.W. Group • 5:00PM **(On Break)**

## Scripture Readings

For the week of December 28th

### SUNDAY FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

SIRACH 3:2-6, 12-14; PS 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; COL 3:12-21 OR 3:12-17; MT 2:13-15, 19-23

### MONDAY

1 JN 2:3-11; PS 96:1-2A, 2B-3, 5B-6; LK 2:22-35

### TUESDAY

1 JN 2:12-17; PS 96:7-8A; 8B-9, 10; LK 2:36-40

### WEDNESDAY

1 JN 2:18-21; PS 96:1-2, 11-12, 13; JN 1:1-18

### THURSDAY SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

NUM 6:22-27; PS 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; GAL 4:4-7; LK 2:16-21

### FRIDAY MEMORIAL OF SAINTS BASIL THE GREAT AND GREGORY NAZIANZEN, BISHOPS AND DOCTORS OF THE CHURCH

1 JN 2:22-28; PS 98:1, 2-3AB, 3CD-4; JN 1:19-28

### SATURDAY

1 JN 2:29-3:6; PS 98:1, 3CD-4, 5-6; JN 1:29-34

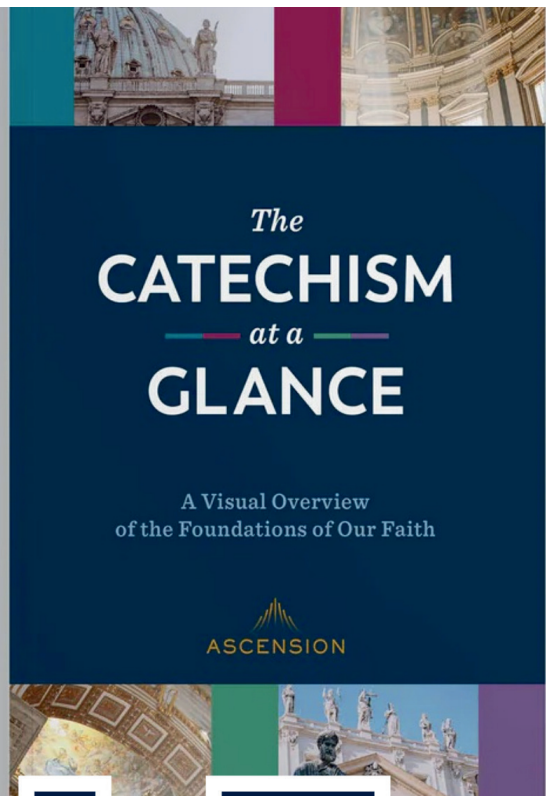
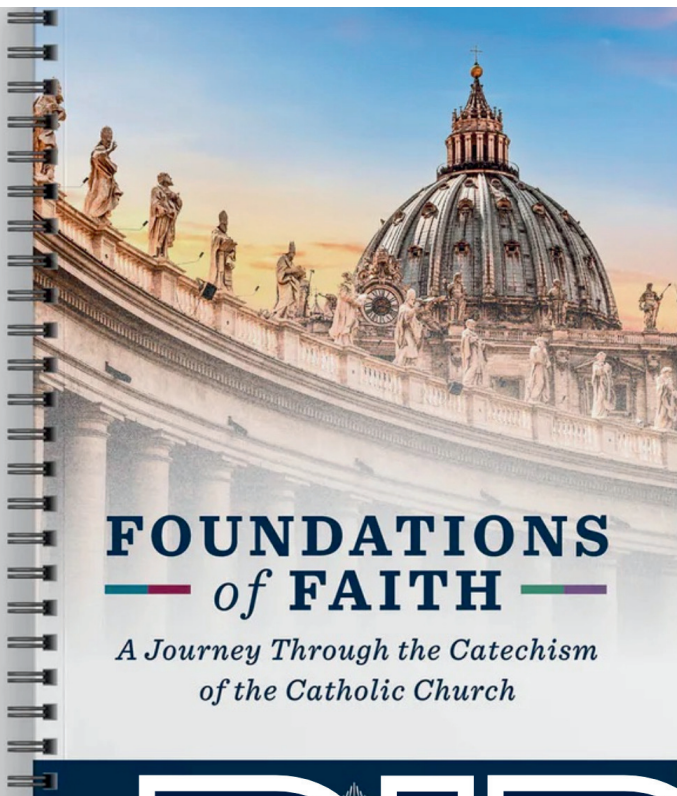
### SUNDAY THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

IS 60:1-6; PS 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; MT 2:1-12

## Pray with us for:

Laurence Family, Robin Rose, Jennifer Mathews & Family, Addy & Richard Hack, Tim, Roselyne, Isabella Rose, Charlie Tidwell, Tony, Wesley McGee, Kevin Kingsland, Pam Kitchen, Greg Hebert, Barbara Mason, Victoria Eddington, David Cundiff, Marcia A, Janet Stevens, Tommie Magran, Mary Davis, Deedee Hofeling, Oz Wilkenson, Richard Turner, Baby Jules, Baby Ellis, Marge Crawford, Terry Collins, Bill Higgins, Sally Drobnick, Elizabeth Grace Hunter, Pilar Carson, Gustavo Cáceres, Cáceres Family, Andrea Emilia Bernabey, Ed Avery, Trina Spadaccia, Lisa Chapman, Joe Tullos, Renee Watson, Pavlin Family, Nancy Lord, Micheline Riggio, Beth Turnbach, Christine H., Joseph Albert, Stella Leverton, Gregorio Alvarez, Helen Lee & Family, Julie Duncan, Tunello Family, Kathy Farrell





# BIBLE

## Study



Join us for the second half of the bible study at Saint Rita. The Bible study will return on Tuesday January 13<sup>th</sup>. Please scan the QR Code to purchase your study plan!





Join Bonnie & Bob Perry with Father Raja for an

# *Assisi, Rome &* San Giovanni Rotondo Pilgrimage

MAY 4 - 14, 2026



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## GROW GROUP FOR MEN: A BRIEF HIATUS

GROW – (God Renews Our Walk) – is your space for fellowship, faith-building, and brotherhood among men of the parish. We're pausing our gatherings to recharge with family and celebrate the holidays.

Join us when we resume on **January 15th!** Whether you're new or returning, all men are welcome to walk stronger in faith together.

See you in the new year – renewed and ready!

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